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LPG Consumption
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has become the second largest domestic LPG consumer in the world and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government for rapid rollout of clean fuel plan for poor households and fuel subsidy reforms;
(b) whether the Government has set a target of 29 million tonnes of LPG consumption by 2019; and
(c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to achieve the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)
(a) Oil Marketing Companies(OMCs) have reported that the total consumption of LPG during Financial Year 2015-16 was 19.2 MMT.
In order to provide clean cooking fuel to every poor household in the country, the Government has launched Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana(PMUY) through which deposit free LPG connections to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families will be given. As on 10.03.2017, more than 1.89 crore LPG connections have been released under the Scheme.
The Government has initiated fuel subsidy reforms through PAHAL. Under the scheme, LPG consumers, who join the PAHAL scheme, get the LPG cylinders at non-subsidised price and receive LPG subsidy (as per their entitlement) directly into their registered bank accounts
(b) & (c) Assessment of requirement of LPG (domestic/commercial) in the country is made by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) on annual basis and it is assessed on the basis of growing LPG consumer base in the country. During Financial Year 2015-16, the total LPG consumption in the country by Oil Marketing Companies(OMCs) was 19.2 MMT. Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC) has intimated that the projected demand of LPG for OMCs during 2018-19 is 26.845 MMT which will be met through indigenous production as well as import of LPG